

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51221.1 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 684, as introduced, Alquist. Social sciences curriculum.

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including, among others, social sciences.

This bill would require that instruction in social sciences accurately reflect the role of the Chinese and other affected populations of the continent or subcontinent of Asia in World War II, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51221.1 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 51221.1. (a) Instruction in social sciences, pursuant to
2 subdivision (b) of Section 51220, shall accurately reflect the role
3 of the Chinese and other affected populations in the continent
4 and subcontinent of Asia in World War II.

5 (b) The Legislature encourages school districts, in complying
6 with this section, to use materials that are part of normal
7 curriculum materials purchased by school districts in their
8 normal course of business and purchasing cycles.

9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.